

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 24-40 of co-pending Application No. 10/709,336.

5 Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's double patenting rejection, however, to speed prosecution of this application to become a patent, the applicant has included a terminal disclaimer for co-pending application 10/709,336 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the above rejection based on non-statutory obviousness type double patenting.

10 Applicant further notes that filing the terminal disclaimer in no way indicates that the applicant agrees with the double patenting rejection made by the Examiner. In particular, MPEP 804.02 states:

15 The filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. Quad Envi-ronmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District, 946 F.2d 870, 20 USPQ2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991). The court indicated that the "filing of a terminal disclaimer simply serves the statutory function of removing the rejection of double patenting, and raises neither a presumption nor estoppel on the merits of the rejection."

20 **Allowable Subject Matter – Claims 2-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

25 Claim 1 is amended to include all the limitations of claim 2, which was found allowable by the Examiner in the Office action of 11/02/2007. Claim 2 is correspondingly canceled and the dependencies of claims 3, 6, 8, 9, 18, 19, and 20 are amended to depend on claim 1. No new matter is entered. In this way, claim 1 should be found allowable and all the dependent claims should be found allowable for being dependent upon an allowable claim.

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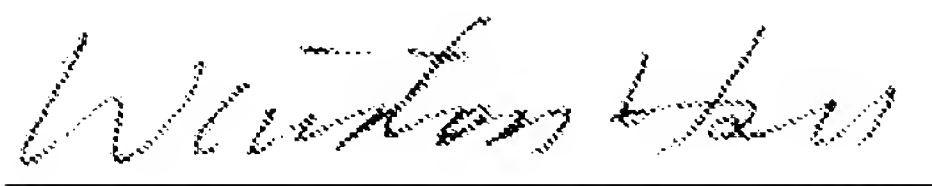
Allowance of claims 1 and 3-23 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion:

Thus, all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance with respect to
5 the cited art for at least the reasons presented above. The Examiner is encouraged to
telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone
conversation, or if the Examiner has any ideas or suggestions for further advancing the
prosecution of this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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